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FOR: METAL PARTICLE-DISPERSED COMPOSITE OXIDES, METAL PARTICLE-DISPERSED COMPOSITE OXIDE-SINTERED BODIES, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING METAL PARTICLE-DISPERSED COMPOSITE OXIDES, AND HYDROCARBON-BASED

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 16, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the invention of Group I (Claims 1-6).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.